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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH.

"The wounds left by the great civil war have long healed, but its memories remain. Think of it, oh, my countrymen, think of the good fortune that is ours! That whereas every other war of modern times has left feelings of rancor and bitterness to keep asunder the combatants, our great war has left to the sons and daughters of the men who fought, on whichever side they fought, the same right to feel the keenest pride in the great deeds alike of men who fought on one side and of the men who fought on the other.

"Great though the need of praise is which is due the South for the soldierly valor her sons displayed during the four years of war, I think that even greater praise is due to her for what her people have accomplished in the forty years of peace which followed. For forty years the South has made not merely a courageous, but at times a desperate struggle, as she has striven for moral and material well-being.

"Her success has been extraordinary, and all citizens of our common country should feel joy and pride in it, for any great deed done, or any fine qualities shown, by one group of Americans of necessity reflects credit upon all Americans. Only a heroic people could have battled successfully against the conditions with which the people of the South found themselves face to face at the end of the civil war.

"There had been utter destruction and disaster, and wholly new business and social problems had to be faced with the scantiest means. The economic and political fabric had to be readjusted in the mist of dire want, of grinding poverty. The future of the broken, war-swept South seemed beyond hope, and if her sons and daughters had been of weaker fiber there would in very truth have been no hope.

"But the men and the sons of the men who had faced with unfaltering front every alteration of good and evil fortune from Manassas to Appomattox, and the women, their wives and mothers, whose courage and endurance had reached an even higher heroic level—these men and these women set themselves undauntedly to the great task before them. For twenty years the struggle was hard and at times doubtful. Then the splendid qualities of your manhood and womanhood told, as they were bound to tell, and the wealth of your extraordinary natural resources began to be shown.

"Now the teeming riches of mine and field and factory attest the prosperity of those who are all the stronger because of the trials and struggles through which this prosperity has come. You stand loyally to your traditions and memories; you also stand loyally for our great common country of today, and for our common flag, which symbolizes all that is brightest and most hopeful for the future of mankind; you face the new age in the spirit of the age. Alike in your material and in your spiritual and intellectual development, you stand abreast of the foremost in the world's progress."

THE Homeseeker edition of the Florida Advocate, published at Wauchula, DeSoto county, is one of the most creditable editions that has come to this office this fall. It is brim full of interesting information concerning that portion of DeSoto county, and is illustrated with forty-nine excellent half tone views of the homes, business and public buildings, orange groves and vegetable fields in that section. It is a credit alike to DeSoto county and to the publisher, Geo. M. Goolsby.

THREE more pardons were granted last week by the State Board—and over 100 applicants still on the list. The courts could simplify matters greatly.

THE CANAL PROJECT.

In the matter of the projected canal from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie river, very little consideration is required to form the conviction that it is a pretty large undertaking. Two bodies of water, separated by twenty miles of country, of which the lake is fourteen feet the higher, and which is required to be lowered six feet by connection with the other, present a problem for whose solution the best engineering talent of the country will be needed.

In enterprises of such magnitude it sometimes happens, quite excusably, we think, that the project falls something short of completion. In the contest between man and Nature our good old mother proves that, in spite of repeated insubordination, we are still her children, and subject, as such, to occasional restrictions and limitations. We trust and believe, however, that Governor Broward and the corps of capable assistants whom he will select will be in every way equal to the occasion.

Let us consider the conditions of the task which lies before them: A large body of water, already partially drained by the Caloosahatchee river, with which it is connected by a canal, still overflows its banks, and as has been stated, is required to be lowered six feet from its present average level. A canal to accomplish this must correspond to a respectable river. It has been proposed to make it a tide-water canal; and a depth of fourteen feet is required at the upper end to reach the level of the St. Lucie river, which will be only the high-water mark of the tide level. Probably the overflow from the lake would give a depth of water sufficient to float such vessels as would traverse the canal. The breadth of the canal has not been determined, but it is to be sufficient to keep the lake drained to the proposed level. With the tremendous amount of water lying on the Everglades, the cross-sectional area of the canal must be considerable to accomplish this, and a great deal of excavating will be necessary. After the proper depth is reached the current will carry away large quantities of earth, and it is not improbable that in a few years the canal will compare with many of our coast rivers, which, while not swift of current, are often from fifteen to thirty feet.

We believe the drainage of the Everglades to be one of the most unique enterprises ever attempted in this country. It will make available vast tracts of valuable farm, pasture and timber lands, and may open up an important inland waterway. It is nearly a parallel with the famous drainage of the Zuyder Zee in Holland, where an arm of the sea was dyked, pumped dry and made available as fertile farm lands.

SEVERAL Southern states are making bids to the Italians to locate in their territory. Florida, however, is 'layin' low,' knowing well that at the eleventh hour she can trot out the record of her pardoning board and head off any opposition calculated to capture the Mafia brigade as permanent settlers.

AGITATION for "Jim Crow" Pullman cars is the latest. Did you ever enjoy "sweet repose" on a Pullman when a "cullud brother" occupied the lower berth? Next!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

"He is not worthy of the honey that shuns the hive because the bees have stings."—SHAKESPEARE.

Edna Gibson of Miami entered the fourth grade Monday.

The class colors for Miss Bauskett's room are read and white—courage and purity.

Reva Buell has returned from the north and taken her place among the little folks.

Myrtle Edwards of the fifth grade was excellent in her mathematics for past two weeks.

The maxim "We learn to do by doing," is being put in practice in the primary room this year.

Wiley Lowry of the fourth grade has been absent for the last two weeks on account of a broken arm.

Miss Maggie Russell and Miss Ethel Summerlin, of St. Lucie, made the school a visit Wednesday morning.

The little folks who are so unfortunate as to have to keep their old seats at the tables on account of the insufficient number of new desks, are loudly proclaiming: "Equal rights to all."

Lula Edge, Lois Klopp, Forrest Reed, Florence Stetson, Blanche Dittmar and Fred Jones, were worthy of mention in free hand drawing in Miss Bauskett's room last Friday.

EARTHQUAKES.**The Great Ones Come Without Any Intelligible Warning.**

Major Clarence E. Dutton of the United States army in his book on earthquakes says: "Great earthquakes come without any intelligible warning. It is true that such catastrophes have been preceded in a considerable number of instances by minor shocks and quivers and by ominous sounds, but these are far from implying necessarily a subsequent disaster, for they occur a hundred times without further consequence. It is only after the great shake that the mind recurs to them as its forerunners. Much is written about earthquake weather, about a certain indescribable electric condition of the atmosphere, about the sensitive and alarmed condition of animals, about the erratic flights and actions of birds just before earthquakes. If any such phenomena really manifest themselves as preliminaries to an earthquake all that can be said about them is that they are as mysterious to the seismologist as to everybody else. But the testimony in support of them, though considerable in amount, is vague in character. When carefully scrutinized it leaves the impression that it is the outcome of imagination and not real observation."

Concerning the great quake on the southern slope of Mauna Loa, in the Hawaiian Islands, in April, 1868, Major Dutton writes: "These shocks, at first light, continued to increase in force for six days. They came at intervals of only a few minutes, and every day there were many hundreds of them. On April 2 they reached their greatest violence, and one shock in particular is described as being of the most terrible nature. The ground rolled in great waves, rapidly swaying in every conceivable direction, including vertical. Stone houses and walls, chimneys and fragments of structures which prior shocks might have left standing were hurled down completely. Wooden houses were flung from their foundations. The rolling earth opened in great cracks in the crests of the waves, which closed together in the troughs. To stand was impossible for either beasts or men. Lying on the ground, it was at times necessary to keep the arms outspread to prevent being rolled over."

A striking thing about this earthquake, according to the same author, was that, as in other volcanic quakes, it was narrowly localized. The northern parts of the island were but slightly shaken. At Hilo, on the eastern flank, a single structure suffered material damage. Likewise in the eruption of Mount Ararat on June 29, 1840, the village at its base was destroyed. Forty miles distant little damage was done. In the eruption of Krakatoa, in 1883, half an island was blown up, yet at Batavia, ninety miles away, the earthquake vibrations were inconsiderable.

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